



- 1. In a printing system, a method for converting a page from a network into an image file suitable for assembly into a document generated by a document creation algorithm, said method comprising the steps of
- 5 translating a page from the network into a page description language (PDL) file representative of the page, and

translating the PDL file into an image file representative of the page suitable for assembly into the document.

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- 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of launching a web browser, and retrieving a web page from the network.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of importing said image file into the document.
 - 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of integrating said image file into the document.
- The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of converting the image file into a page, and importing said page into the document generated by the document creation algorithm.
- 25 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of printing said image file with a printing module.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said page is a web page, further comprising the steps of
- inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into the document created by the document creation algorithm, said URL corresponding to said web page, and dynamically inserting said image file corresponding to said web page into the document.
- 35 8. A method suitable for use with a printing system for dynamically linking content present in a page in a network with a document, said method comprising the steps of

inserting a link into the document, said link corresponding to a page present in the network,

5 launching a browser in response to the link,

retrieving the page from the network, and

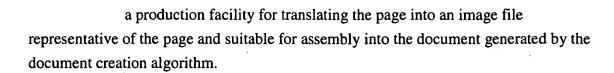
converting said page into an image file suitable for insertion into the document.

- The method of claim 8, wherein said step of inserting a link comprises the step of inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into the document, and wherein said step of launching comprises the step of launching a web browser, wherein said URL corresponds to a web page in the network.
 - 10. The method of claim 8, wherein said step of converting comprises the step of directly inserting said image file into the document.
- 20 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said page includes a web page and said browser includes a web browser, further comprising the step of automatically, dynamically inserting said link into the document to dynamically retrieve content associated with the web page for subsequent incorporation into the document.
- 25 12. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of repeating said steps of inserting, launching, retrieving, and converting as a function of the number of links inserted into the document.
- 13. A printing system for converting a page from a network into image data suitable for subsequent assembly into a document generated by a document creation algorithm, said system comprising
 - a browser for accessing the network and for retrieving a page therefrom, and

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The system of claim 13, wherein said production facility comprises
a first translator for translating the page into a page description language
(PDL) file representative of the page, and
a second translator for translating the PDL file into an image file

a second translator for translating the PDL file into an image file representative of the page.

- 15. The system of claim 13, wherein said page includes a web page, and wherein said production facility comprises a link facility for inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into a document created by the document creation algorithm, said URL corresponding to said web page.
 - 16. The system of claim 13, further comprising means for importing said image file into the document.
- 17. The system of claim 13, further comprising a printing module for printing 20 said document.
 - 18. The system of claim 13, wherein said page includes a web page, further comprising a link facility for inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into a document created by the document creation algorithm, said URL corresponding to said web page.
 - 19. The system of claim 17, further comprising means for dynamically inserting said image file into the document.
- 30 20. A printing system for dynamically linking content present in a page in a network with a document generated by a document creation algorithm, said system comprising
- a link facility for inserting a link into the document, said link corresponding to a page having content,

a browser for retrieving the page from the network, and

a production facility for translating said page into an image file suitable for insertion within the document.

- 5 21. The system of claim 20, wherein said link facility comprises means for inserting a uniform resource locator (URL) into the document, wherein said URL corresponds to the page in the network.
- 22. The system of claim 20, wherein said page includes a web page and said browser includes a web browser, further comprising means for inserting said link into the document to dynamically and automatically retrieve content associated with the web page.
- 23. A computer-readable medium holding computer-executable instructions for converting a page from a network into an image file suitable for subsequent assembly into a document generated by a document creation algorithm, comprising translating the page into a page description language (PDL) file representative of the page, and
- translating the PDL file into an image file representative of the page and suitable for assembly into the document generated by the document creation algorithm.
 - 24. A computer-readable medium holding computer-executable instructions for dynamically linking content present in a page in a network with a document, comprising
- inserting a link into the document, said link corresponding to a page having content present in the network, and
 - converting said page into an image file suitable for insertion within the document.